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At page 6, line 27, please delete "bearing" and insert therefor --support 30--.

At page 7, line 1, please delete "bearing" and insert therefor --support 30--.

At page 7, line 3, please delete "bearing" and insert therefor --support 30--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 8, 9, 11 and 14 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A plinth for supporting a diode having a casing that is welded on the plinth, the plinth including a plug portion adapted to be force-fitted into an aperture and defining an axis of the plinth, and an abutment portion projecting with respect to the plug portion in a direction radial to said axis, wherein the plug portion has a smaller radius than the abutment portion.

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8. (Amended) An alternator [including] including a support having a hole, and an assembly according to claim 5 with the plug portion of the plinth force-fitted into said hole in the support.

9. (Twice Amended) An alternator according to Claim 8 [having a stator disposed to one side of said support], wherein the abutment portion of the plinth being disposed on [the other] an opposite side of the support from a stator.

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11. (Amended) A plinth for supporting a diode comprising:

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a plug portion having an upper face and defining an axis at a right angle to the upper face; and

an abutment portion contiguous with the plug portion and projecting upwardly from the upper face of the plug portion in the direction of the axis, the abutment portion having a cavity at its upper face for receiving one end of the diode, wherein a radius of the plug portion is smaller than a radius of the abutment portion.

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14. (Amended) The plinth according to claim 11 wherein the plug portion and the abutment portion are cylindrical in shape with respect to the direction of the axis[, and the plug portion has a smaller radius than the abutment portion].

REMARKS

I. Introduction

Claims 1-17 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1, 8, 9, 11 and 14 have been amended. Claims 1, 5, 8, 11 and 17 are independent. No new subject matter has been added.

The Applicant has made various amendments to the claims to overcome the objections and rejections presented by the Examiner in the Office Action dated June 21, 2000 (hereinafter referred to as "the Office Action"). In addition, various amendments to the claims or the specification herein which are not made specifically in response to a rejection or objection raised by the Examiner have been made to rectify grammatical errors and/or to clarify the scope of that which applicants regard as their invention.